

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract of the Invention as follows:

~~Proposed is a~~ A mechanism for writing audit trail records in a Workflow-Management-System (WFMS) includes ~~which comprises~~ the steps of: Assigning a multitude of audits trails as potential targets for audit trail records to the said WFMS, and Assigning an audit trail distribution strategy to the said WFMS, which includes ~~comprising~~ a specification ~~which of the said~~ potential targets to be used for writing an audit trail record, and Dynamically analyzing for a current audit trail record the said distribution strategy and determining a current target from the said multitude of audit trails, and Writing the said current audit trail record to the said current target. By the proposed mechanism the contention on the audit trail is reduced. Therefore, ~~by implementing the present invention~~ the response time of requests, processing time of process instances, and the throughput of the WFMS is improved.